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1. Pursuant to the instructions of the Director of Security, a representative of this Division contacted Mr. Sidney Gottlieb, Chief, Chemical Branch, Research & Development Division, Technical Services Staff at his office, Room 2-01, quarters I on 15 January 1954. Mr. Gottlieb was questioned as to what backstopping would be most feasible concerning the above subject and as to his position on utilizing Camp Detrich, Maryland.

2. Mr. Gottlieb advised that he would prefer to have the Subject backstopped through Col. Eugene Furcholman of the Research & Development Division, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, U. S. Army.

3. On the basis of Mr. Gottlieb's preference, a representative of this Division accompanied by Subject, contacted Col. Eugene Furcholman, Chief, Research & Development Division, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, U. S. Army at his office, Room 3B452, The Pentagon Building, telephone P-3700, Extension 15405 on 19 January 1954. Cover arrangements for Subject were laid on with Col. Furcholman and also with his deputy, Lt. Col. Jackson Lawrence.

4. The cover story which was arranged for was that Subject is employed as an intermittent consultant by Col. Furcholman's office and has been in this capacity for approximately 2 1/2 years. The nature of his duties are chemical research on classified material and he reports directly to Col. Furcholman.

5. Both Col. Furcholman and Col. Lawrence were advised that the reason for this was that Subject had been a witness to a suicide in New York City during the latter part of November 1953 and it was anticipated that an insurance investigation might come about as a result of policies carried on the life of the suicide victim. It was the desire of this Agency that Subject not be identified with CIA and that the Agency should receive no publicity as a result of this incident. Col. Furcholman advised that he would extend complete cooperation in this matter and that should

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any inquiry be made to him, he would handle the matter and as soon as possible, notify Dr. Luskbrook of the incident.

6. The indices of the Security Office were checked prior to the interview with Col. Farnholm and revealed that both he and Col. Lawrence were cleared for top secret liaison by the Security Control Staff on 13 October 1953.

7. No further action is anticipated in this case and it is being considered as closed in this Division.

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